



Black Water Middle School

900 East Cox Ferry Road
Conway, SC 29526

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	708 Students	
Principal	Cynthia V. Thibodeau, PhD	843-903-8440
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Board Chair	Will Garland	843-358-8002

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Good	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	At-Risk

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

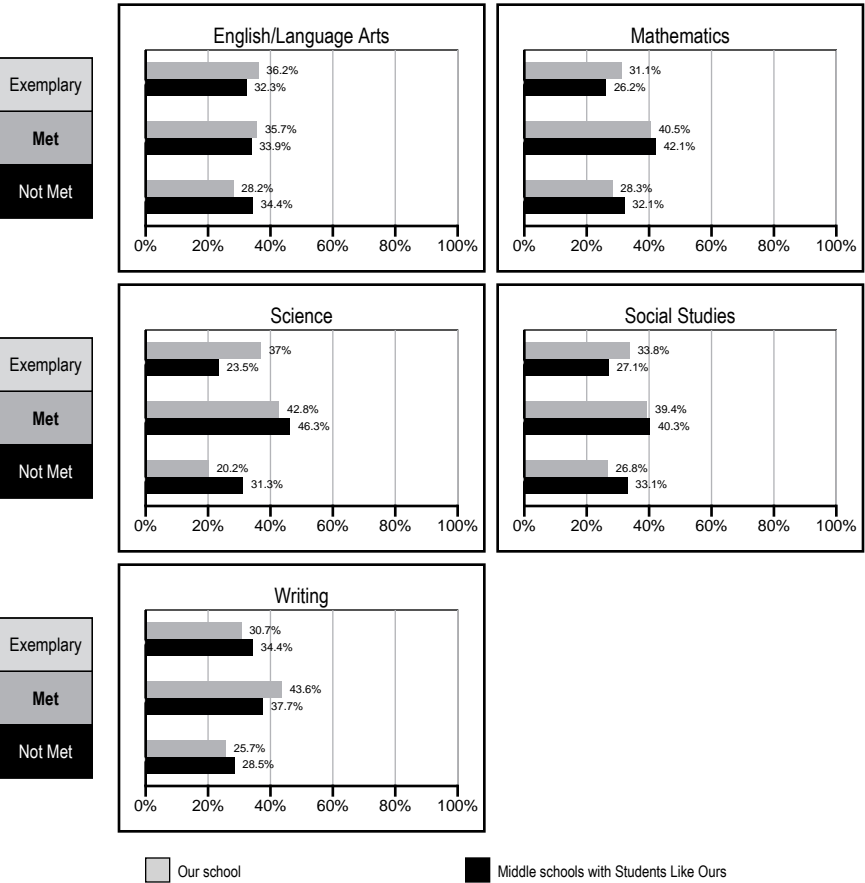
96.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
5	9	42	3	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Middle schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	96.7%
English 1	100.0%	95.5%
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	96.6%

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=708)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	51.0%	Down from 55.3%	21.7%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.7%	No Change	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	9.5%	Up from 3.2%	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.1%	Up from 51.1%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6%	Up from 90.3%	86.7%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 93.7%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,157	Up 3.1%	\$45,551	\$46,422
Professional development days/teacher	22.1 days	Up from 17.4 days	10.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.9 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	22.4 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.4%	Up from 86.9%	89.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.7%	Down from 99.0%	98.5%	98.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,404	Up 0.9%	\$7,283	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.5%	Down from 63.5%	61.9%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Down from 60.2%	60.1%	60.9%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

During the 2011-2012 school year, Black Water Middle School staff identified students who were not being successful in school, according to PASS and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests, and Science and Social Studies benchmark tests. Individual teachers analyzed the progress of their students on PASS, MAP, and benchmark tests and devised plans to improve classroom instruction based on those test results. By utilizing the Horry County Schools' Response to Intervention (RtI) Model all students received instruction based on their needs whether that meant they needed to be in an accelerated math class or a strategic intervention class such as READ 180---or an intensive intervention class such as LANGUAGE!. MAP tests on English language arts, reading, and math were given three times during the year to provide teachers data on student progress, enabling teachers to make adjustments in classroom instruction to better meet each student's needs. Students received additional support through an after-school tutoring program---called PAWS (Personalized Assistance With Standards). Student achievement results and Classroom Walkthroughs data were used to determine the content of teachers' professional development throughout the school year.

The challenges we face as we continuously strive to see that all of our children meet and exceed state standards include: adjusting classroom instruction to meet the needs of a very diverse population; increasing the involvement of parents in the education of their children; motivating our middle-school-aged children to strive to do well academically when their interests often drift away from academics at this age level; continuing professional development of best practices with all teachers; and continuous assessment of student progress with mastery of standards as an end result. Through the work of teachers, students, and parents, we will continue to strengthen our instructional program to ensure the success of all of our students.

We would like to thank all of the parents, faculty and staff, community, and businesses for their support as we progress toward our goals. Without your assistance, our continued progress would not be possible

Cynthia V. Thibodeau PhD, 2011-2012 Principal
Mr. Tim Phillips, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	219	157
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.2%	73.5%	87.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0%	68.3%	75.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.2%	76.7%	80.0%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	97.0
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Black Water Middle School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☒ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.3%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.0%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.2%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.7%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
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Grades 6-8

All Students	647.1	649.0	645.5	638.1	100.0	100.0
Male	641.7	646.7	642.1	642.2	100.0	100.0
Female	651.8	651.0	648.4	634.8	100.0	100.0
White	657.6	659.3	656.2	649.2	100.0	100.0
African American	627.2	626.6	626.8	609.9	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	598.9	605.7	595.7	599.9	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	624.4	637.9	622.4	635.3	100.0	100.0
Subsidized meals	637.2	640.0	638.1	628.1	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	624.0	624.0	624.0	624.0	95.0	95.0

Abbreviations for Missing Data

PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	216	100	30.2	35.7	34.2	69.8
	7	232	100	27.8	36.3	35.8	72.2
	8	209	99	33.3	26.5	40.2	66.7
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	255	100	29.1	33.8	37.1	70.9
	7	220	100	25.3	38.1	36.6	74.7
	8	227	100	29	36	35	71
Mathematics							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	216	100	23.1	44.2	32.7	76.9
	7	232	100	26.4	44.3	29.2	73.6
	8	209	98.6	33	50	17	67
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	255	100	25.7	36.3	38	74.3
	7	220	100	34	38.7	27.3	66
	8	227	100	25.7	47.2	27.1	74.3
Science							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	106	99.1	25	56	19	75
	7	231	100	21.8	48.8	29.4	78.2
	8	106	99.1	30.2	31.3	38.5	69.8
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	129	100	27.7	58.8	13.4	72.3
	7	220	100	14.9	32.5	52.6	85.1
	8	115	99.1	20.6	43	36.4	79.4

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	110	100	27.3	57.6	15.2	72.7
	7	232	100	39.6	32.1	28.3	60.4
2012	8	102	99	30.4	28.3	41.3	69.6
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	128	100	21	47.9	31.1	79
2012	7	220	100	35.6	36.1	28.4	64.4
	8	112	100	17	35.8	47.2	83
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	208	98.1	30.5	40	29.5	69.5
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	229	99.1	25	44	31	75

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